

SARAH KENTISH

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Highly qualified, experienced, passionate, dedicated. EFL/ESOL Consultant/Teacher with over twenty years specialist EFL/ESOL teaching experience at University College Cork , Ireland and international colleges in UK and overseas. Track record of success in preparing students for Cambridge, IELTS, TOEIC, Trinity and TOEFL exams. Teaches all ages and levels of English to speakers of other languages. Expertise in developing courses to suit the individuals' needs and to achieve learners' goals . Experience in directing and designing courses, adept at training and holds excellent references from previous employers and students.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

School:

Broke high jump record in sports. (age 13)

Grade 6 Piano.

Set up four successful businesses. Home tuition, AirBnb, SwimwithSarah and a clothes shop.

Graduated with BA Degree from the Open University.

Air BnB Super Host with over 200 Five Star reviews in one year.

Learnt three languages.

Walking pilgrimage: El Camino de Santiago. (30km per day)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.

EFL Teacher. InTuition Languages.

- Providing home tuition general and business English courses and guided tours.

EFL Teacher. University College Cork, Ireland

- EFL Teacher, Teacher Trainer on CELTA and DELTA courses, Cambridge Oral Examiner.
- Prepared students for Cambridge and IELTS exams, trained foreign language teachers for CEELT exam, taught the foreign language lesson on CELTA and DELTA courses.
- Taught pronunciation courses in the Language Laboratory.
- Taught General English to international students up to Post Graduate level.

TEFL Trainer. Language Link, Cork, Ireland

- Designed syllabus and taught teacher training courses to graduates.
- Taught English to adult students and prepared students for Cambridge exams.

EFL Teacher. South of Ireland Language Centre, Cork

- Managed Language College.
- Designed and taught general and business courses to adults at all levels.
- Taught English to children and teenagers.
- Took students of guided tours and activities.

EFL Teacher. Self Employed in Vitoria, Spain.

- Taught English to children and adults of all levels.

EFL Teacher. Serling Linguistics, Logrono.

- Taught and prepared English teachers and teenagers for Cambridge exams.

Course Coordinator. Kildare Language College, Ireland.

- Coordinated courses for groups of Spanish teenagers.
- Responsible for the smooth running of the students' educational and cultural programme.
- Liaising with students' hosts families and dealing with any issues.
- Accompanying guided tours, sports and cultural activities and dealing with any issues.
- Liaising with all personnel involved in the supply of cultural, sports and educational activities.
- Paying entrance fees and all personnel involved in arranged activities.
- Organisation of travel arrangements and buying tickets.

Swim School Owner.

- Set up and ran my own swim school for adults, children of all ages
- Assessed and awarded certificates through the National Swim Programme.
- Teaching disability swimming to all ages.
- Aqua Fit teacher.
- Adult toddler swimming teacher.

Air BnB Super Host

- Set up and managed Air BnB from my two properties.
- Gained over 200 Five Star reviews and 100% no cancellation rate in a year.

Children's Playroom Assistant. Cork University Hospital, Cork

- Assisted children in the children's ward , playing games, painting and entertaining them whilst in hospital.
- Organised a three day 'Children in Hospital Ireland' event with face painting, games, musicians, story tellers, magicians and jugglers.

Elderly Care Worker. Consultus Care Agency, Kent, UK.

- Lived in 24/7 with elderly people in their own homes.
- Personal care, cooking, exercise, outdoor and indoor social and health activities.
- Housekeeping.
- Giving medication.
- Shopping and trips to visit family and doctors.

Youth Information Worker. Youth Information Centre, YMCA, Cork

- Giving advice to young people on the following topics;
- Helping with University admissions, visas to the USA, CAO(UCAS in UK)
- Curriculum Vitae preparation.
- Translating documents Spanish to English and vice versa.
- Careers guidance.
- Job search.
- International travel guidance
- Job applications.

- Accommodation help.

Spanish Teacher. Self - employed.

- Taught Spanish at home to all ages and levels.
- Post curricular Spanish lessons to infant and primary school children.

EDUCATION

CELTA

BA (Open University)

Spanish, Creative Writing, French, Perspectives of Mental Health and Distress(Social Studies)

DipTESOL

Trinity Licentiate Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language.(89% in practical)

ASA level 2 Swimming Teacher (99% in theory paper)

NCVA 3 (FETAC 5) Childcare and Education (Distinction in 85% of subjects)

NVQ 3 in Health and Social Care for the Elderly. (Distinction)

Diploma in Spanish (Open University)

ASA Aqua Fit

National Pool Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches.

First Aid Award.

Other studies for my own interest:

One year. Travel and Tourism.

One year. Hotel catering and management.

SOFTWARE

Microsoft Office (Excel, Word)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Mountain and long - distance walking. Cycling, Kayaking, Cooking, Book Club, Music, Film, theatre, nutrition and diet, swimming, foreign culture and language, yoga.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST